

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Mysterious "Cit" Helped Recruiting in Capital

WASHINGTON.—Hidden under an immaculate Palm Beach suit, and usually leaning against a tree in front of the Pennsylvania avenue recruiting station, is what the recruiting officers of the District National Guard regard as the most dangerous germ of preparedness to be found within a day's journey in the District. Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts and Col. Robert N. Thompson of the Navy league are rank amateurs compared to him—according to accounts.

Everybody and everything that brushes up against him becomes inoculated with the fever to enlist—or to make others enlist. For several days the figure in the Palm Beach suit was noted by the officers of the recruiting station. He appeared to be taking things easy in a very calm and deliberate way. He looked like a prosperous business man.

Every afternoon he would appear and remain standing against the tree or talking quietly to groups of men in front of the station. After a talk with him a man usually walked into the station and enlisted.

One afternoon an ex-volunteer officer passed the station, saw the "germ" and shook it warmly by the hand. Then the volunteer came into the station. "What rank does Marshall hold?" he asked, pointing to the "germ." And then it came out. The man is Creighton E. Marshall, officially known in the records of his country as a sergeant in Troop K, First United States volunteer cavalry, from May, 1898, to October, 1898. Unofficially he's "Crate" Marshall, ex-Rough Rider, comrade and friend of Capt. Allen K. Capron, Capt. Buckley O'Neill, and Sergt. Hamilton Fish, among the first three men killed in the Spanish-American war.

Privately, Marshall is custodian of the presses at the bureau of engraving and printing. He is a preparedness expert, who believes in every man doing his bit and doing it up to the hilt. Marshall wears glasses because of the bit he did in Cuba. He wasn't expected to survive the Cuban episode—but he pulled through.

Arlington Woods Very Popular With the Crows

MR. KALMBACK of the biological survey has studied the crow for several years, has thoroughly familiarized himself with its habits and is interested in every newly discovered crow roost.

He avers that the assembling of thousands of crows for the purpose of roosting, usually close to some large city, presents one of the most curious and remarkable phenomena occurring in the bird kingdom.

Mr. Kalmbach has ascertained that there are several fair-sized crow roosts in the vicinity of Washington. A roost at Arlington held, during the most crowded period of its existence, fully 200,000 crows. In fact, A. H. Howell of the biological survey alleges that during the winter of 1910-11 the Arlington roost was occupied by 270,000 birds and that at least 100 crows flew to roost each second during "the height of the influx."

This would mean that 6,000 crows entered the roost in a minute's time, and a period of 45 minutes was generally consumed before all and returned from their day's forage. This estimate proves that approximately 270,000 actually made the Arlington roost a headquarters for the season.

The Woodridge roost, near Langdon, D. C., was used by crows for some time, but the birds found another roost more to their liking. The successor was the one on which Mr. Kalmbach made observations. He noted four lines of these birds coming to this roost and estimated that probably 1,800 or 1,900 flew in each line, which would total something in the neighborhood of 7,500 crows when strays and belated members were taken into consideration.

A few months later the crows deserted this roost and returned to the Woodridge roost, where other crows joined the original settlers, the whole population amounting to 30,000.

Counting these birds would be very confusing to a novice. Ornithologists are familiar with two methods by means of which they are able to count large numbers. By one method the birds are counted in the evening as they fly toward the roost in distinct lines, and, as a rule, there are anywhere from three to six air paths chosen. The other method is to wait until all the birds have congregated for the night and then to choose a limited area of the roost, count the birds gathered there and estimate from this the approximate total.

How Army Medical School Fights a Silent foe

UNPRETENTIOUS and unheralded, yet one of the biggest tasks of the militia mobilization, has been going on at the Army Medical school, at 721 Thirteenth street northwest, where the vaccine for the prevention of various diseases is being prepared.

A force of 20 men, members of the United States army medical corps, headed by Capt. M. A. Rousner, has been working day and night on one floor of the building, preparing the enormous amount of vaccine which the 100,000 troops of the militia require since being mobilized.

An idea of the tremendous work is gained by the fact that in ordinary times this same force makes the vaccine for the army and navy and the forest service, and furnishes it to numerous other organizations besides. Since the mobilization this force, in addition to the supplies for the services mentioned, has been furnishing the vaccines for the militia troops also.

Each of the soldiers in this army must receive three inoculations of anti-typhoid vaccine, and in other cases, inoculations for other diseases are made. All the tremendous quantity of this vaccine has been furnished by this little army of 20 men, scarcely a sergeant's section in the terms of army organization. While the big men get the troops ready for service and have their names carried in the papers daily with suitable praise for their efforts, this little force, working with silent efficiency, is safeguarding the lives of the soldiers whom the big men are organizing.

Washington's Great Walnut Tree Is Victim of War

WASHINGTON had a wonderful walnut tree. It stood near the American university, and has been noted ever since this country was known to the whites. About the time that William the Conqueror invaded England, midway of the eleventh century, a splendid walnut sapling began to run its head toward heaven, near what was later to become the city of Washington.

In the times that followed William, while a disorderly group of islands were being welded into a Great Britain, this same tree developed with almost infinite slowness into a forest giant. A few weeks ago the Tunlaw walnut, after 900 years of life, was felled to help satisfy the war-time needs of that Great Britain it so far antedated.

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The toughest American wood, according to United States forest service tests, is that of the osage orange.

An electrically heated coffee percolator made of earthenware has been patented by a New York inventor.

Experts have listed more than 10,000 varieties of orchids.

The six state capitals of Australia have been connected by wireless telegraphy.

Italy has joined other European nations in prohibiting the manufacture, importation or sale of absinthe.

Crowers in the Philippines are being encouraged by the government to give more attention to the production of hemp.

EAGLETS.

President Thomas A. Smyth, of the Sanitary District, has increased the efficiency of the service one hundred per cent since he took office.

Tony Schroeder of North Halsted and Roscoe streets is not only one of the solid men of Lake View but he is a political leader who numbers his friends by the thousands.

William F. Quinnan, "the father of Edgewater," has a host of friends all over Chicago.

Jeremiah B. O'Connell, the able lawyer, has thousands of admirers who want to see him on the judicial bench.

Frank J. Hogan, the popular and well-known lawyer, would make a fine Municipal Judge.

George W. Paulin, the great furrier, has made a business record for honesty and integrity that wins for him hosts of friends.

Judge John R. Caverly is daily adding to his popularity in Chicago by his splendid record on the Municipal Court bench.

Nelson N. Lampert is the strongest Republican candidate named for State Treasurer.

The theatrical profession, men and women, the legal profession, leading business men and all other callings praise the Morrison photograph studio. Clara Louise Hagins, secretary of the studio, is always there to see that ladies receive every attention.

Harry E. Kellogg, the popular proprietor of the Blue Ribbon Laundry at 513 North Clark street, is building up a fine business.

C. A. Smith, the veteran pianomaker, is respected by all who know him.

Dr. George Sultan always made a good record in public life.

One of the very best Aldermen in the City Council, is Edward F. Cullerton. He has been longest in the public service of any member of the City Council and his usefulness to the people has been demonstrated over and over again.

Clarence S. Darrow is always the friend of the poor and the downtrodden and no one stands higher at the bar.

Popular Jack Henderson would make a good member of the State Board of Equalization.

Judge Thomas F. Scully has made a splendid record in the County Court. The people have confidence in him and their confidence has never been misplaced, either when the judge was on the Municipal bench or in his present responsible position.

Joseph A. O'Donnell, former legislator and park commissioner, is one of the most popular members of the Chicago bar.

Dow B. Lewis would make a good County Commissioner.

Judge Edward T. Glennon, the well-known railroad lawyer, is respected by bench, bar and public.

Harry W. Cooper reports a big demand for Batavia tires. They are more popular than ever.

There are no more criminals. Every cold-blooded murderer and thief is a "moron" now days according to the pestiferous reformers who are running things in Chicago. A woman is slain in her kitchen. The murderer is caught. "Don't hang him, he's a 'moron' about the reformers," and he is not hanged. A mother and her babe are killed by a brute. "He is a moron," declare the reformers. It is bad enough for the reformers to be stealing the taxpayers' money for a hundred alleged "reforms," but when they keep on breeding murderers, they deserve the rope themselves.

Frank Weeger, the well known brewer and business man, is talked of for State Auditor and State Treasurer. He would fill either position well.

W. L. Bodine, the efficient chief of the bureau of compulsory education, has made a nation wide name for his department.

Stillman B. Jamieson is one of the coming men in the Republican party. He is honest and able.

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